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5. Reported suggestions by members of Kosygin mission in India for an exchange of the Pueblo crew for captured North Korean infiltrators prompted Seoul papers to put out extras on 29 January. Press reaction was universally adverse, reflecting comments of South Korean officials that the proposal was "inconceivable" or "not worth considering."

6. The North Korean official who yesterday told reporters in Damascus that Pyongyang would "severely punish" the Pueblo crew (see Sitrep 16) is Kang Yang-uk vice-president of the Supreme People's Assembly presidium since 1959.

He often heads goodwill delegations abroad, and in the past two years has twice visited the Middle East-African area.

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